

Summer 2023

Teachers Saving Children[®] Inc.

Pro-Life Voices in Education

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Thoughts from the Executive Director Frank Ebiner

"For we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works

God has prepared for us in advance, that we should live in them." -- Ephesians 2:10

"The LORD will guide you continually." –Isaiah 58:11

June 24th marked the one year anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Center*, overturning *Roe v. Wade*. In the past year, 14 states have made abortion illegal while 11 states have expanded access (and funding) for abortion.



1-year anniversary of Dobbs decision

Nationwide, more than 24,000 babies have been saved from abortion in the past year due to the Dobbs decision, according to the polling website *FiveThirtyEight* (www.fivethirtyeight.com). The number of abortions varies from state to state, depending on the political landscape and laws enacted.

In Texas, for example, it is estimated that more than 10,000 babies have been saved due to the Texas Heartbeat Act, while in abortion-friendly states such as California, the number of abortions has increased. The good news is that the total number of abortions throughout the United States is declining, but we still have work to do in changing hearts and minds of people who are fighting for abortion on demand (at taxpayer expense).



Each of us has been created for doing good works, and the LORD will give us the strength and guidance we need. Pray for each other as we speak the truth and advocate for the dignity and sanctity of all human life.

This summer issue shares stories and photos on the wonderful events *Teachers Saving Children* attended in the Spring, thanks to your prayers and financial support.

On page 4, read about our recommended book and website as well as summer outreach events *Teachers Saving Children*[®] *Inc.* members will be attending.

Bringing America Back to Life Convention

Cleveland Right to Life hosted the Bringing America Back to Life Convention on March 11th and 12th in Independence, Ohio. **Teachers Saving Children** Board of Trustees member, Judy Bruns, attended the event which included dynamic speakers on a variety of life-affirming issues.

There were many inspiring presenters, including Kristin Hawkins (*Students for Life of America, SFLA*), Star Parker (*Center for Urban Renewal and Education, CURE,* a Washington D.C. based public policy institute that fights poverty), Pam Stenzel (Director of *Alpha Women's Center,* a counseling center for women undergoing crisis pregnancies) and Alex Schadenberg (Executive Director of the *Euthanasia Prevention Coalition*).



Building a culture of life and a respect for the sanctity of human life at all stages, and in particular those most vulnerable, was the powerful message. Each of us can commit to building this culture of life in our families and communities in which we live by our witness, perseverance and using our God-given talents.

Great Homeschool Convention 2023 Cincinnati, Ohio (April 13-15)

Following our outreach events during the Winter (*March for Life Expo*, Washington, D.C., *West Coast Walk for Life*, San Francisco, California and *Made in His Image*, North Canton, Ohio), we continued witnessing to the beauty of life at the *Great Homeschool Convention* in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 13-15. Our exhibit draws people of all ages, including parents who want to share with their children the miracle of life and the beauty it entails, the message that every life is a gift, unique and special. Often, people will stop by our exhibit to ask questions, "How can I teach the pro-life message to young children?" These are what we call "teachable moments". Our table has a variety of teaching tools, including lifeaffirming books with characters demonstrating kindness, understanding, empathy, sharing of talents, and selflessness.



Life-Affirming Books

Baby Models

Others want to share their life experiences, including mistakes and lessons learned. One mother of 4 young children recounted how, after having an abortion 17 years ago, she found forgiveness during a Rachel's Vineyard retreat (see page 3 for an article on *Rachel's Vineyard*), and now helps counsel postabortive women at the *Eve Center* in Cincinnati (www.evecenter.org).

Another mother shared how she adopted 3 children, saving them from abortions, one of whom had survived a chemical abortion. Several other homeschooling parents were proud parents of children who were adopted, because their birth mother had chosen life for her children.

A 16-year old girl came to see our exhibit, because her friend had stopped by, and was amazed at the pre-born baby models. The 16-year old told us how she had "almost been aborted", but by the grace of God, her birth mother chose life, and she was adopted by a loving family. Before she left our table, she said, "How *wrong* it is to kill a baby."

There are many other stories we heard, and the common thread was a love of life, trust in God and surrender to His will.

Christian Homeschool Association of Pennsylvania Convention (CHAP) 2023

"Teach me Thy way, O LORD, and lead me." -Psalm 27:11

John Gordon, his wife Natalie, and Karen Morrisette represented Teachers Saving Children at this year's CHAP Convention, May 12th - 13th in York, Pennsylvania. Our booth was very warmly received again this year. It was amazing to see how many of the attendees were new to homeschooling. expressed Thev their appreciation that we were in attendance, in particular because we represent pro-life voices in education. Attendees were thrilled to know that there was a group like Teachers Saving Children advocating for life, especially in the publicschool arena.



Attendees visit our exhibit at CHAP Convention

The twelve-week fetal models were "a hit". especially with the children in Pro-Life Mississippi's coloring attendance. book, Catherine Jacob's coloring worksheet, prolife-affirming booklife magnets. and marks, were extremely popular giveaway items.

By the way, if you would like any of the items we give away at outreach events, please contact us at: (330) 821-2747.

Rachel's Vineyard Healing the Pain of Abortion, One Weekend at a Time

In the past 50 years, since 1973, there have been more than 65 million abortions in the United States (*world-wide, the World Health Organization, WHO, estimates 73 million abortions occurred in* 2022 alone).

One out of 4 women in the United States will have had at least 1 abortion in her lifetime. Each abortion affects women, men, siblings, grandparents, colleagues and friends.



Every year men and women suffer the aftereffects of abortion which can include: depression, guilt, eating disorders, anger, lowered self-esteem, inability to forgive self or others, etc.

Begun in 1994, Rachel's Vineyard offers weekends for healing after abortion in locations across the United States and Canada, and around the world.

Rachel's Vineyard can help bring healing to those affected by abortion. As described at <u>www.rachelsvineyard.org</u>, "The program is an opportunity to examine your abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted you in the past and present, and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many individuals struggle with after abortion. Because of the emotional numbness and secrecy that often surrounds an abortion experience, conflicting emotions both during and after the event may remain unresolved. These buried feelings can surface later and may be symptoms of post abortion trauma."

"Married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings of aborted children, as well as persons who have been involved in the abortion industry have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. The weekend is a lot of work but yields a fruitful harvest for all who are willing to labor there." – For more information: www.rachelsvineyard.org or phone: 610-354-0555.



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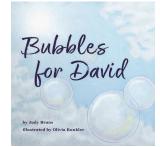
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RECOMMENDED BOOK

Bubbles for David is a story of understanding, encouragement, and Christian hope for families who have lost children in early infancy or by miscarriage. It speaks to the hearts of the young siblings, whose lives have been touched, too. By: Judy Bruns.



SUMMER OUTREACH EVENTS

- National Right to Life Convention, June 23-24, 2023 (Pittsburg, Pennsylvania) Teachers Saving Children had an exhibit table. John Gordon and Catherine Jacobs attended. (Due to limited space in this newsletter, an article will be in our Fall newsletter).
- NEA-RA (Orlando, Florida) July 3-6, 2023 (10 am -5 pm) Frank Ebiner and Judy Bruns will attend.



RECOMMENDED WEBSITE (for healing after abortion): www.rachelsvineyard.org

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